

treasurer.

Teachers at the school in Tucker were--Mrs. Elizabeth Barnes and her daughter Ethel; Ed M. Rowe; John F. Warner; Grant M. Robertson; Wilford T. Johnson; and Miss Collings (Edith Williams teacher); Also Gerber and a teacher by the name of Evans.

E.B. Nason had charge of the post Office, later he moved the post Office to Gulluly. Utah.

The railroad could have financed the school building, as it was a railroad town. There was a roundhouse and a Y to turn the engines around, also a coal chute and water tank in the same area. There was also a passenger train station.

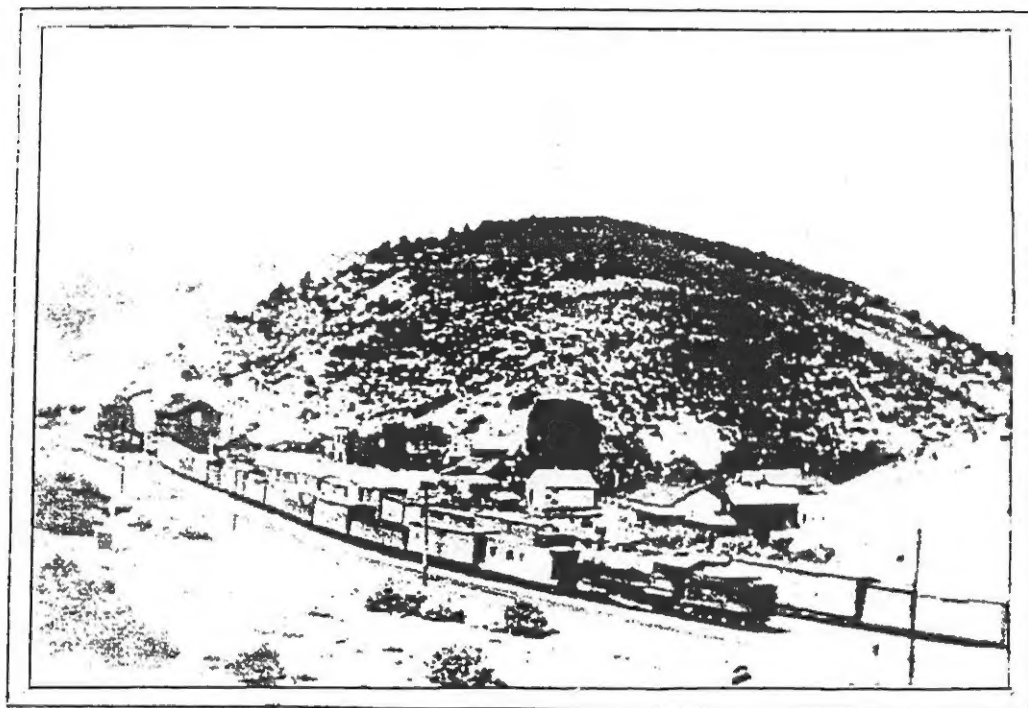
On the south end of town was an area, called Dago Town where many immigrants built shacks. People were very poor. They came to America from Italy and Greece, with the aim of making a stake and going back to their old country. They worked as section hands.

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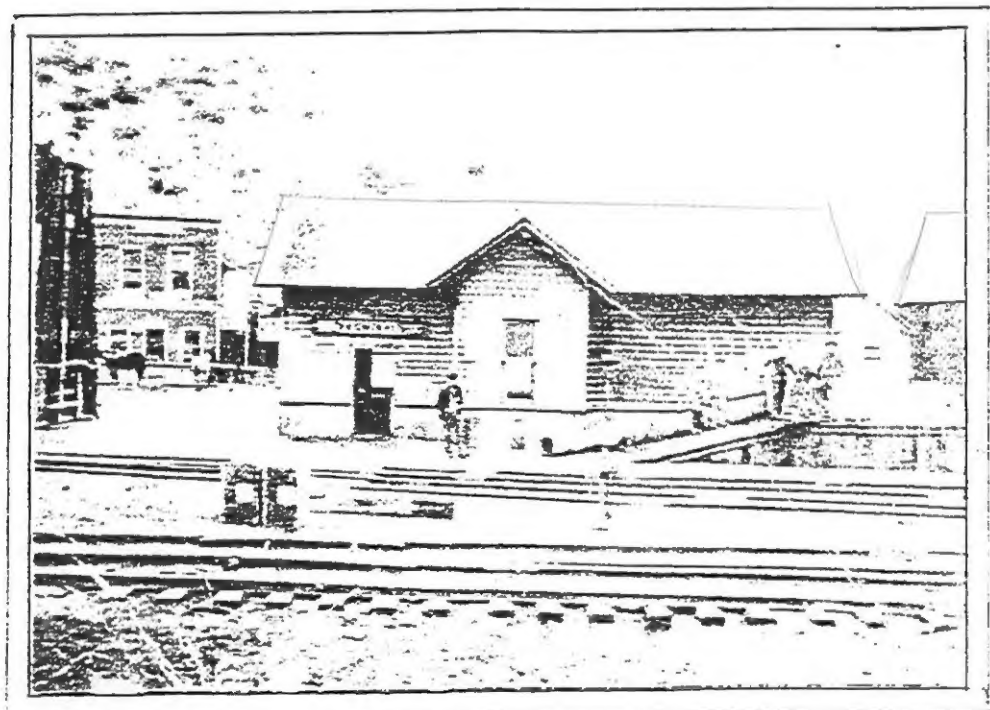
Notes from Edith Williams Robertson-Oct 9, 1981

William T. Williams bought the store at Tucker from Jim Ballard. The Williams family lived upstairs, and brother Sam was born there.

The store was a joint business with Williams and Reece, Dealers in General Merchandise. The store was owned and operated from about 1908 to 1911, then sold. Williams traded the store for the Powell Ranch in Tie Fork.



Tucker, Utah 1902



Tucker Depot 1902

In Tucker, there was a rooming house run by Mr. & Mrs. Reece. Also a hotel run by Mrs. Earl, where meals were served. E.B. Nason had a store and run the post Office.

In 1909, the D & R G Railroad had special excursions on flat cars to the resort at Castilla.

The schoolhouse at Tucker, Utah was built in 1905, the date on the front of the school. On the northwest corner of the school was a small library room. Also on the same side was a cloak room, a place for coats and boots. There were two large classrooms heated by a round cast iron pot-bellied stove. These two classrooms were connected by a partition which could be opened up to make one large room, which was used for dances and plays.

Water for drinking was obtained from Clear Creek for the school. Additional source of water were from Starvation Canyon out of a four inch pipe.

From Spanish Fork book by LaNora P. Allred is the following, page 92, Quote--The new school was built in Spanish Fork Canyon at Tucker, Utah at a cost of \$3500.00. One citizen complained that the school was built down in the ravine where it was hidden from sight. He thought it would be quite a sight from passing trains.

Page 95 same book---Spanish Fork Canyon and its small settlement were not only important for railroading, lumbering, and ranching, but several mining ventures were carried on there. In 1906 asphalt mines were in operation at Tie Fork. The mines had a capacity of twenty-five tons

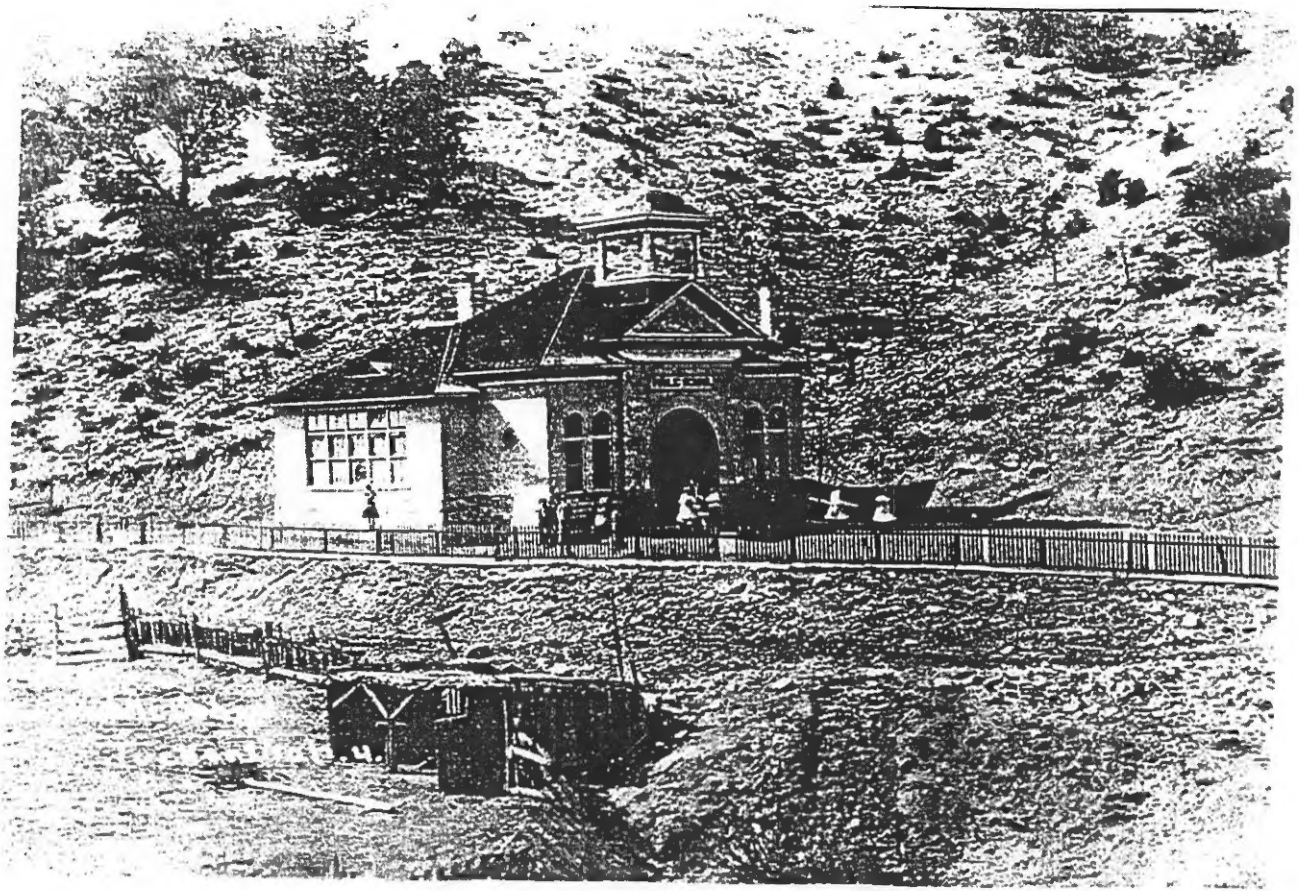
per day, but it was hoped that with the addition of a new machine the output could be raised to fifty tons. The Boss of the mines was Gomar Reese, and the workers were paid \$2.75 per day and charged \$.75 a day for board. Coburn and William T. Williams had the contract for hauling the ore from the mine to Tucker, about seven miles. Each of the twenty-five teams employed hauling the ore could haul about two tons at a load, and some made a trip and a half a day. A Mr. Vorhees was in the process of developing a Lithograph mine in Tie Fork and also an Elalerite mine at Soldier Summit. Voorhees bought the Cottage Hotel at Tucker and also an adjoining building occupied by a store and post office.

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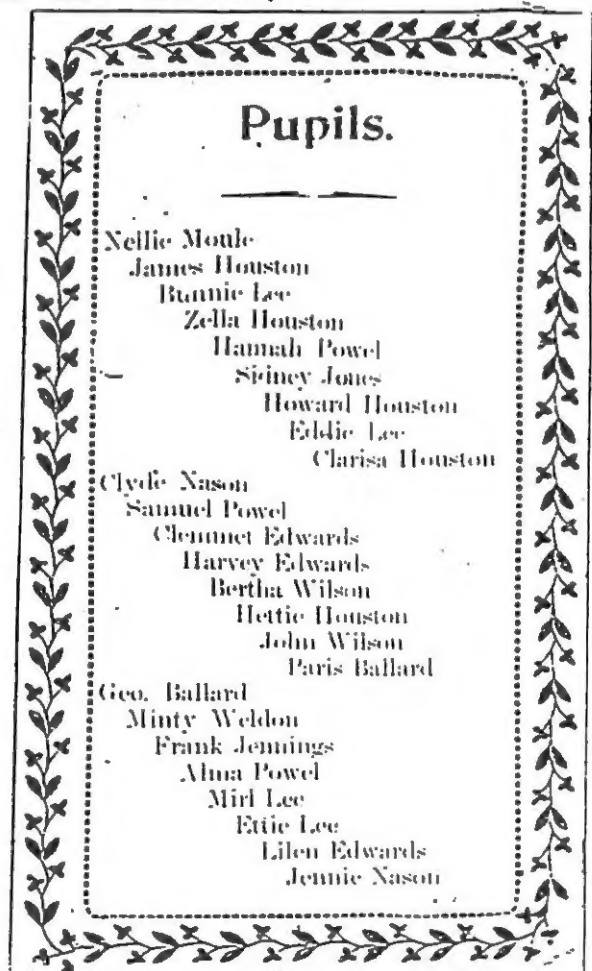
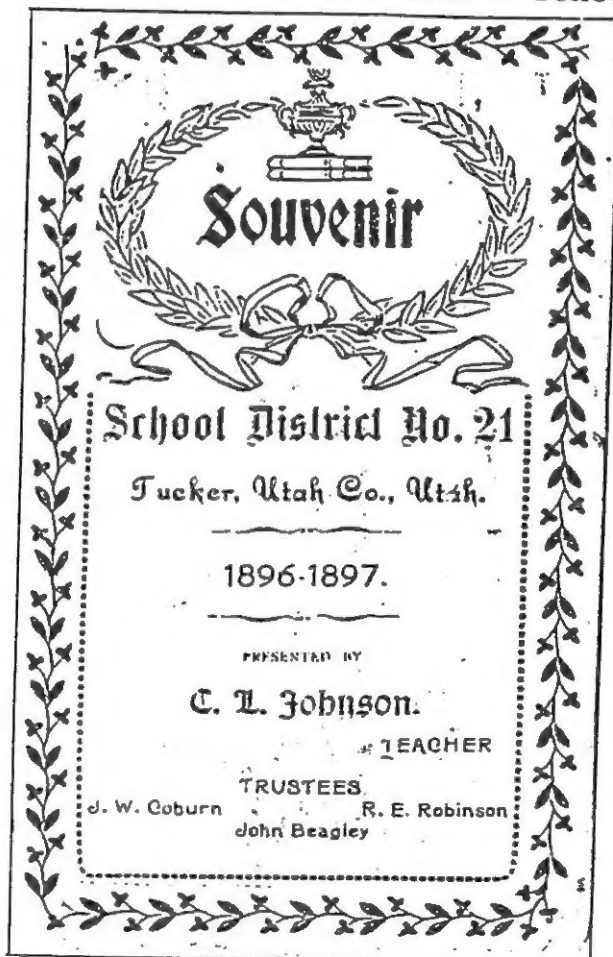
More About Tucker

The major railroad town in Spanish Fork Canyon following Mill Fork was Tucker. It was from here that the Utah and Pleasant Vally railroad turned south and went into the coal fields of Pleasant Vally or Scofield. Approximately 75 graves can be recognized in the old cemetery-the oldest dates back to 1870. There were two saloons, several stores and a roundhouse, Engines from Tucker were commonly used to assist in the climb up to Soldier Summit. At least 1000 people lived there.

Prior to about 1914, it required five engines to pull seven pullman cars to the summit. At that time, several



Souvenir & School Programs from Tucker, Utah





Tucker East School

District No. 21,

Utah County,

Utah.

1897-1898.

Presented by _____

Chas. L. Johnson, Teacher.

Trustees { Wm. Brock, Chairman,
John Beagley, Secretary,
Jno. W. Coburn, Treasurer.

BIXLER PT'S CO. CANAL DOVER, C.

Names of Pupils.

Jessie Ladd	Frank Ladd
Edna Ladd	George Ladd
Horace Ladd	Azalia Earl
Sidney Jones	Bunney Lee
Eddie Lee	Mirle Lee
Ettie Lee	Hannah Powel
Samuel Powel	Alma Powel
Jennie Rawlings	Myrtle Rawlings
Edward Rawlings	Florence Rawlings
Hattie Rawlings	Maggie Crosby
Agnes Crosby	Willie Crosby
Clyde Nason	Jennie Nason
Vera Robinson	Ernest Egle
Walter Egle	Bennie Egle
Frank Jennings	Minty Weldon
Mable Douglass	Annie Wilkinson
Myrtle Showell	Mattie McGarrey
Zara Brock	Katie Brock

And then when school days here are o'er,
And you enter the fiercer fields of strife,
The lessons learned will be a store
Of knowledge you can use through life.



But now, vacation time is here
And we'll lay down our books, and do
New duties we may find to bear;
But this remember: To yourself be true

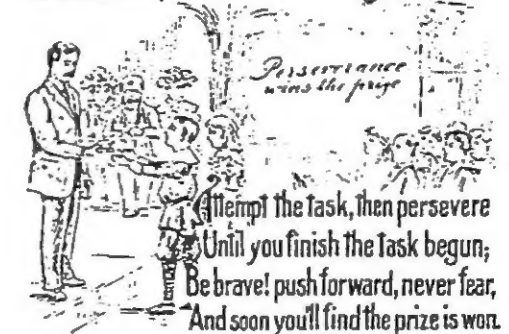


Remember, through your long vacation,
If in toil your efforts scarce prevail,
Those who persevere, will rule the nation;
To them there's no such word as fail.

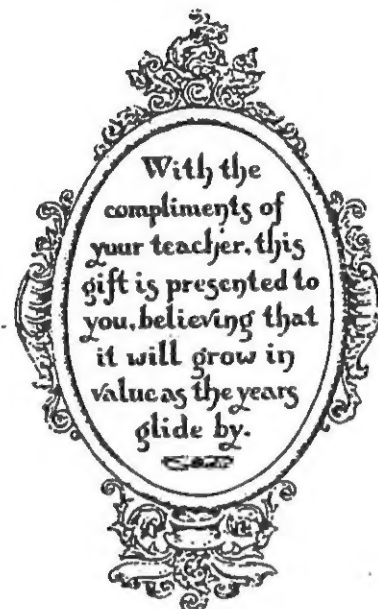
VACATION DAYS

Some months ago we gathered here
To work together day by day;
But now the time to part draws near,
And we lay all our books away.

The finished tasks, the lessons learned
Are rewards of study, not of shirking;
You'll ne'er be sorry for what you've earned
In moments spent in honest working.



Attempt the task, then persevere
Until you finish the task begun;
Be brave! push forward, never fear,
And soon you'll find the prize is won.



Tucker District School

District No. 21

Tucker, Utah
Utah County

— 1909-10 —

IRVING L. PRATT, Principal and Teacher

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES

Eva May Wing

Wesley W. Jones

Agness C. Cleary

Pupils

Clyde Wing

May L. Jones

Virginia St. Ledger

Joseph Sackett

Cecil A. Jones

Hazel M. Cleary

Ralph Candland

Hayden Candland

Adelia Jones

Alice Linsley

Jennie Wing

Philip Rouen

Carol Candland

School Board

Wm. T. Williams, Chairman

John Beagley, Secretary

Samuel M. Wing, Treasurer



Malleys, or engines with double steam drives, were introduced, and three engines could then pull seven cars to the top. Reconstruction of the grade from 4 to 2 percent also made the climb much easier. The new grade included a double horseshoe curve.

The Utah State Department of roads have built a small State Park near the old town of Tucker, but flooding has so thoroughly covered the foundations that it is difficult even to imagine a busy railroad town.

Information from the book 'Historical Developement of the Spanish Fork Ranger District' by Victor K. Isabell.

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Frank Jones and Laura Lucinda Rudd, his wife, run a hotel in Tucker, Utah for years and rented rooms to the railroad men. They also served meals. They had a large area, 25 rooms or more, For a time, they run the post office.

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History of Schools in Mill Fork and Tucker, Utah
There was a school in Mill Fork earlier. Prof. Ed M. Rowe taught there. All Lewis' went there, also Beagleys.
The school burned down, set by Houge Atwood. He was thought to be the one who set it, so he wouldn't have to go to school.

Included in this history is a souvenir program of a School District No.21 of Tucker. Utah C., Utah 1896-1897 presented by C.T.(L)Johnson--Teacher, Trustees J.W.Coburn, R.E.Robinson, John Baegley--Pupils Nellie Moule, James

Houston, Bunnie Lee, Zella Houston, Hanna Powel, Sidney Jones, Howard Houston, Eddie Lee, Clarisa Houston, Clyde Nason, Samuel Powel, Clement Edwards, Harvey Edwards, Bertha Wilson, Hettie Houston, John Wilson, Paris Ballard, Geo. Ballard, Minty Weldon, Frank Jennings, Alma Powel, Mirl Lee, Ettie Lee, Lilen Edwards, Jennie Nason.

A PIONEER SCHOOL HOUSE

Yonder it stands as it did in yore,
It's work is done it's mission o're
The blocks alone mark the chimney place
For the mortar no longer fills it's space

The wooden hinges on the big huge door,
Creak as they did ere we buttered them o're
Our writing desks there, hewn from the side wall
Where at flourishing the quill-we could beat them all

The clapboard roof, if you'll pardon the name,
No longer shuts out the wind and the rain.
The benches of slab and wooden pin
Are gone, never to return again.

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In 1980, while Allen was up in Spanish Fork Canyon, in his camper, his grandsons Boyd, Paul and Kent Barber came up after dark on a rainy night and asked Grandpa's help to find an elk that Kent had shot, dressed out and hung up. Kent had carried the head down as proof of the kill. They had a large map of the area.

Wedding Day of William T. Williams & Hannah Caroline Powell
25 December 1900 Tucker, Utah County, Utah.



Back Row-L to R: Alma J. Powell, William T. Williams
Hannah Caroline Powell(Williams), Millie P. Sackett,
Edward Sackett, Samuel Arthur Powell, Front Row LtoR:
Hannah Last Cornaby, Samuel Cornaby, (child)Lydia
Sackett, (child)Edith Hanna C. Powell, Hannahv Sackett,
Joseph E.Sacket.

Grandpa had come out of the camper and closed the door, he was in his underwear, and the weather was cold, and raining. He had locked himself out. It was suggested that he break the glass window, so he could get back in.

Then Grandpa piped up, "Say, I was just thinking. I have an extra key, hid under the hood of the truck." HIS UNDERWEAR WAS SOAKED, BUT HE WAS ABLE TO FIND THE KEY AND CHANGE TO THE EXTRA PAIR OF DRY UNDERWEAR.

The next morning the group went out to find the lost elk in the forest of trees. Impossible, we found it, not hardly believing it could be found.

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They had dances up to the schoolhouse in Tucker. Some brought their children where in an extra room, quilts and pillows were made so into beds for the children to sleep. Then everyone brought potluck, and a big coffee pot of coffee to share with all. Sometimes, they would dance all night, then dash home, milk cows and work all the next day.

At the dance, Bert Jones played the violin, his daughter Cecil, played the organ, Dave Alexander played a cigarette paper on a comb, and music on a wash board. A good time was enjoyed by all.

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Story of a Captured Bear, Related by Grace J. Dansie

Frank Jones of Tucker operated a rooming and boarding house. He captured two cub bears, one black, the other

cinnomon brown. They were very young and small. Frank put them in a cage, and made it so people could see them. They grew up to be as large as a good sized dog, also getting to be quite mean.

Several times, these bears got out, and Alma Powell and George Slater, who owned packs of hunting dogs(15 or or 20)retrieved them and were able to get them back in their cages.

Liberty Park Zoo in Salt Lake City offered to take them, so Frank made a cage, putting both bears in it and prepared to put them on the train to Salt Lake City.

Frank stayed on the depot platform to wait the trains arrival. As he sat down on the corner of the cage, leaning back on his hand. His thumb slipped inside the cage. the brown bear bit his thumb off, pulling the cord of his thumb out to his elbo. The bear chewed the thumb to pieces.

Grandpa had a lot of trouble with his hand and arm the rest of his life.

The bears were in Liberty Park Zoo untill 1928. Leo R. Jones, son of Frank Jones kept track of the bears. He lived in Salt Lake, so he went to the Zoo often. He was informed when the bears died, about two weeks apart.

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At one time William T. Williams owned and operated a store at Tucker, Utah. He sold it, because his family, especially the children were eating to much candy. The family later moved to Tie Fork, to the Powell Ranch, and

later bought the ranch.

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M. E.B. Nason owned a store at Tucker, and run the post office, later he had a store and post office in Gulluly and Soldier Summit.

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In 1947, while living in Garfield, Utah. Allen B. Williams was concerned about the cemetery in Tucker, Utah. He decide to get the list of names of those having relatives buried in the cemetry. Up to that time, Cattle and wild animals had free access walking and trampling on the graves. So he sent this letter.

Garfield,Utah

June 3, 1947

Dear Folks:

We, as a family group have decided to contact as nearly as possible all of the families that have kinfolk buried in the old Tucker Cemetery. The cemetery is in need of a new fence badly, so we are proposing to erect a new net fence about 6 foot high with a barb or two on the top. We have estimated the cost of the wire between \$80. or \$90, so we are asking each family if they would like to give toward the expence of the wire and we will erect it. We would appreciate it if you folks would contact your relatives and folks known to have relatives there. We would also like to have an answer by the first of July, if possible.

If you Folks wish to help, you can send the money to me, and if by any chance, we cannot get enough in to justify to fence the complete grounds, your money will be refunded. We would like to fence the cemetery in completely, but if there is not enough response, we intend to fence our own plot.

Yours Truly,

Allen B. Williams

The following people responded--Mr. & Mrs. Major Loveless, Mr. & Mrs. George Ballard, Mr. & Mrs. Ed M. Lee, Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Nason, Mr. & Mr. Ed Hessler, Mrs. Minorta Barrett, Mrs. J.R. Houtz, Mr. & Mrs. William T. Williams, Claude Atwood, E. Lee, Mrs. E.B. Nason, Hyrum Jones, Cliff, Leo Jones, William Brock Family. There was \$80.50 obtained.

With the money collected from people who had relatives buried at the Tucker Cemetery, the fencing was bought, and the Williams family finished the project to erect the fence. They camped over night at Tucker, Utah and hauled the fencing up the hill. The posts were set in cement. Those present were Allen B. Williams, Grant G. Williams, Hope Williams, Clark Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Jacobson, possibly Frank and Linda Jacobson, also Nelson Williams and other members of the family.

Later, Alma Sackett built a road up to the cemetery with an RD9 Caterpillar. The land, now, 1981, is owned by Grant G. Williams. Alma is a son of Amelia Powell and Edward Sackett.

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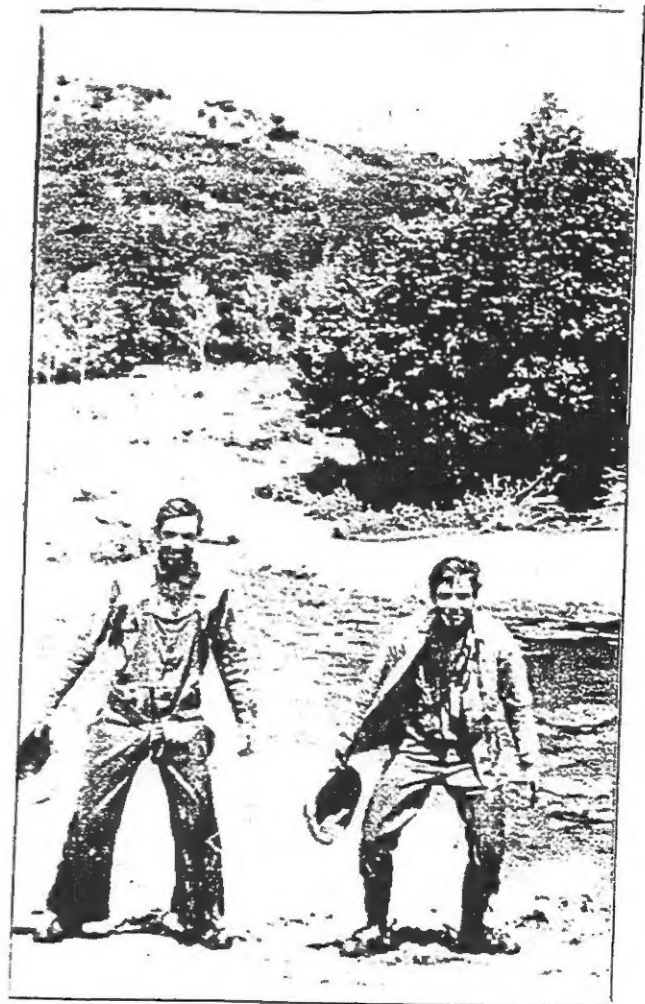
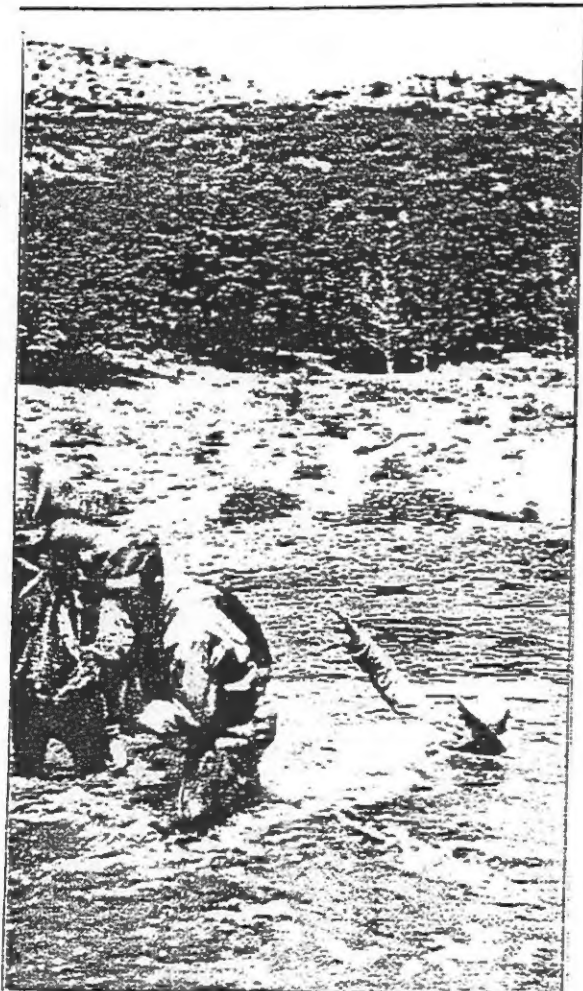
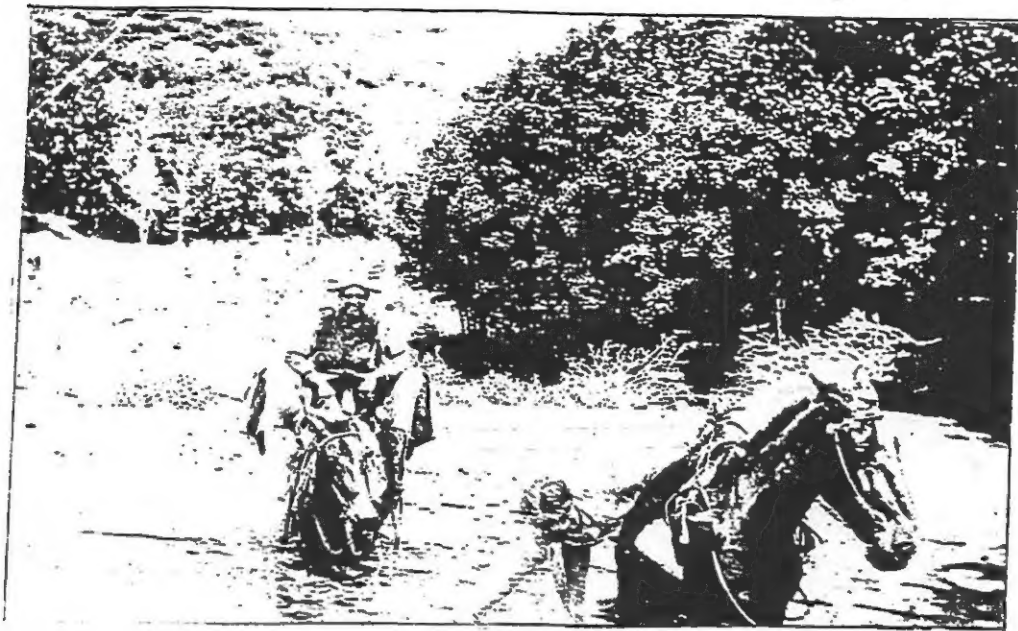
From the files of the Spanish Fork Press September 24,
1903.

One day last week Samuel Powel of Tucker, grandson of Samuel Cornaby of this city, had a fight with a panther while crossing a ravine while herding sheep for W.T.Williams. The panther seemed to be in an ugly mood and at once jumped at young Powel, who was riding a mule, wearing two pair of overalls and scratching his leg, this made the young rider mad and he pulled out his pocket knife, the only weapon he had, and was determined to have the fight out with Mr.Panther. In making the second jump the panther struck Powel's arm causing him to run the knife into his own leg. By this time the mule had become quite excited and as the panther made the third jump the mule whirled and kicked it a terrific whack in the breast with both hind feet knocking it down and finally walked off as though he thought that would do him. The mule and rider coming out victorious wended their way homeward. Next morning young Powel armed himself with a rifle and went to hunt the panther, but he failed to locate the animal.



Tucker Store operated by Wm. T. Williams

Some Fun At The River Crossing



Allen B. and Clark Williams

TUCKER CEMETERY. RR. * WILLIAMS INTRESTS.

The birth and death of Tucker, Utah had had it's origin and demise with the iron rail..

The town was basically where different railroads from the west and from the east joined together. First, the Utah Railway built a narrow gauge track from the Wasatch front up Spanish Fork Canyon and turned off at Starvation Juntion with Soldier Creek to the coal mines in Scofield in 1875-1879.

This route was built because the Union Pacific to the north was the only source of coal from the Wyoming coal fields to Salt Lake & Utah Vally creating a monopoly with price fixing that became prohibitive for the struggling Morman settlers & industry. The Union Pacific meeting of the Rails was at Promontory Point in Utah in 1869.

It was called the Utah Railway with narrow gauge (e foot) wide tracks. It was financed by Utah buisness men and nick-named the calico line, as employees took part of their wages in bolts of calico cloth. (see pg.71)

How does this history fit into the Historic Tucker & Williams Family Cemetery? I'm reviewing a book written and titled The Denver & Rio Grande Project by O. Meredith Wilson, the researcher.

When the Utah Railroad was built, they had no outside sources, for ties on which to lay rails, so they cut from adjacent stands of douglas fir, stands of timber. It makes only good sence & rationale that Tie Fork (30 miles) up

Spanish Fork Canyon was the primary source for the railroad ^{Ties} from Thistle Fork east to the upper reaches of Starvation (right fork of Soldier Creek). Thus, it became known as Tie Fork.

Tributaries of Tie Fork with douglas fir on south facing slopes are West Canyon, Soberville, Drunkards, Mud Hollow, Mine Hollow, Baker, Timber Canyon and other smaller head water timbered slopes.

At the Tucker Cemetery, the first grave to the right is that of Dick Miller. On the marker (white marble), there are engravings, a tree stump, with a cross-cut saw on the top, on a stump on each corner are two tree stumps, showing an axe, with blade in both stumps. Also, an acorn engraved from on top. There was no date on the marker, showing date of birth or time of death. I believe there was more to Tucker and Clear Creek during Utah Railway than history records.

I'm taking the liberty of assuming this was the first burial at the cemetery and that it occurred during the construction of the Utah RR between 1875-1879., (Allen B., D.Clark and Grant G.Williams reset the remnants of the marker in concrete base about 1985)

All of the original D&RGW trackage started from Denver in 1868 and was narrow gauge. Originally, plans were built for a railroad from Denver to Mexico City. Then in 1881, new thinking by William J. Palmer, the brains of Rio Grande, plans changed to west coast Pacific lineage to the east